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# Madame X

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NOT FOR MAN, MAYBE,  
BUT I STILL GIVE A  
PRETTY GOOD SHOW.

AND WHEN I WAS  
FAMOUS, GOING BY  
THE STAGE NAME  
OF MADAME X, I  
WAS FAR FROM  
LONELY.

BUT I'M  
NOT FAMOUS  
ANY MORE...

STILL, MY  
CARDS SHOW  
ME THE  
FUTURE.

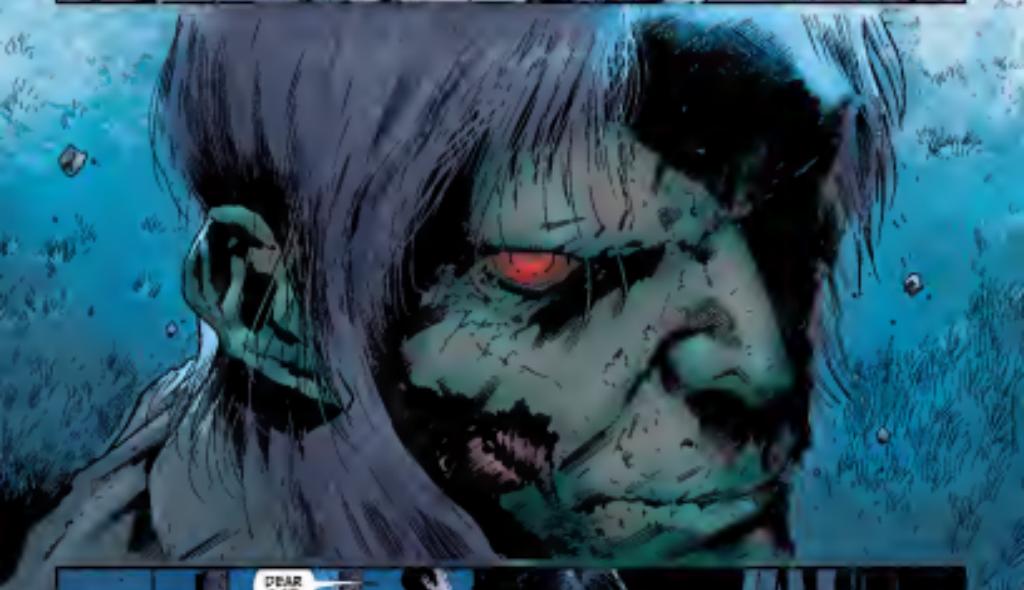
HOWEVER  
SCARY THAT  
MAY BE.

GARDEN DISTRICT, UPTOWN NEW ORLEANS

WHAT  
YOU DOWN  
UP?

THOUGHT  
I HEARD A  
NOISE.

IT'S  
THE WIND.



HELLUVA HOUSE. I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO LIVE IN THIS  
GARDEN DISTRICT.

THEN I DREAMED YOUTH  
BEST PLAY QUARTERBACK  
FOR THE SAVANTS OR RUN FOR  
MAYOR, LIKE THE GODFARING,  
RIGHTOUS, ANTI-VODOO  
CRUSADING COUNCILMAN  
MEACHUM HERB.

YEAH, YEAH.  
I'VE BEEN THE  
NEWS TOO. FRONT  
DOOR'S OPEN.

THE NEXT MORNING...

Possible  
was at Councilman  
Meachum's property  
investigating...



YEAH, SO I GOT TO SEE WEIRD  
PLACES LIKE THIS. LUCKY ME!  
AND NEVER THE WHOLE STORY.

JUST ENOUGH  
TO TEAR AND  
TRAMATIZE

MAGIC  
CAN BE A  
BITCH.







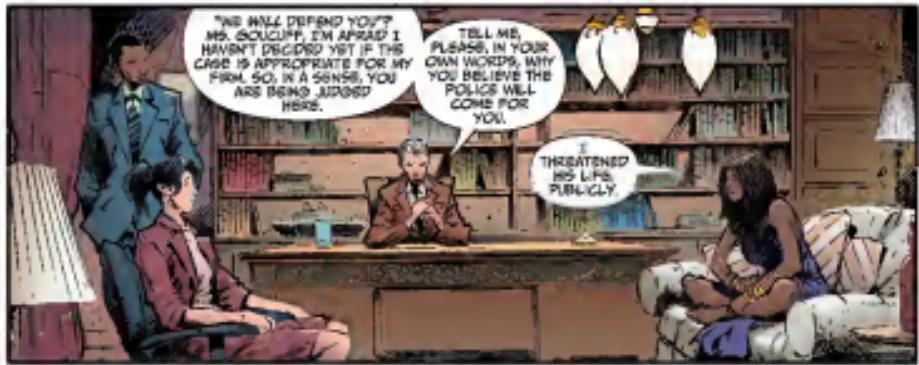
VILLAGE QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

THE OFFICES OF LYNN LAW.











"VOODOO IS A PART OF NEW ORLEANS CULTURE. IT CAME HERE WITH THE SLAVES IN THE 1700S. IT FORMED THIS PLACE."

"I PRACTICED AND CELEBRATED MY RELIGION AND PEOPLE WERE DRAWN TO ME. MANY WERE DRAWN TO ME."

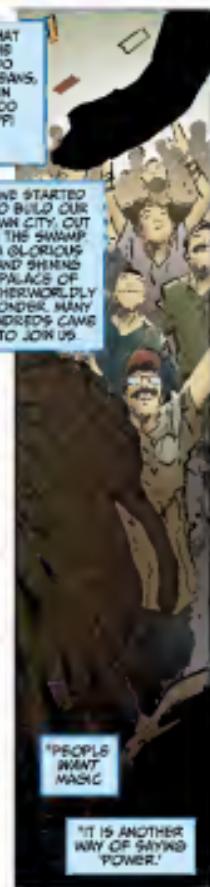
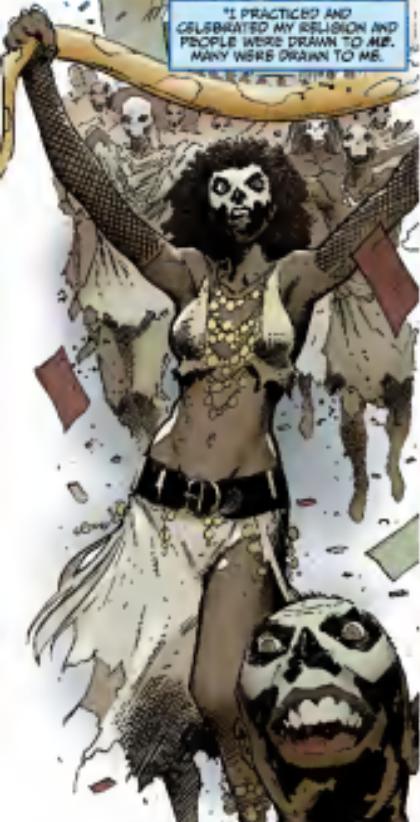
"MEACHUM AND THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS BEGAN TO FEAR MY POPULARITY."

"DO YOU KNOW THAT MARIE L'VEAU, THE ORIGINAL VODOO QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS, MIGHT ENTERTAIN CROWDS OF 12,000 BY THE MISSISSIPPI TO WITNESS HER RITUALS."

"WE STARTED TO BUILD OUR OWN CITY, OUT IN THE SWAMP. A GLORIOUS AND SHINING PALACE OF OTHERWORLDLY WONDER. MANY HUNDREDS CAME TO JOIN US."

"PEOPLE WANT MAGIC"

"IT IS ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING 'POWER.'



"MEACHUM, PLAYING TO HIS POTENTIAL VOTERS, PROMISED HE WOULD HAVE ME ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF PUBLIC INDECENCY.

"IT SEEMED OUR PARTIES... OFFENDED HIM AND HIS COZY NUCLEAR-FAMILY SENSIBILITIES.

"HE ATTEMPTED TO HUMILIATE ME ON STATE TELEVISION IN A PUBLIC DEBATE, RAISING TRAUMAS FROM MY BACKGROUND, MY BRIAR FATHER, MY MOTHER'S SUICIDE.

"HE MOCKED AND RIDICULED MY RELIGION.

"I SENT HIM A HEAVILY CURSED AND ANCIENT VOODOO KNIFE AS A GIFT, A STATEMENT OF INTENT, A WEAPON OF WAR."

I WOULDN'T REPEAT THAT LINE IN COURT IF I WERE YOU.

THIS SECRET "CITY" OF YOURS IN THE BAYOU. WE'LL NEED TO INTERVIEW YOUR WITNESSES. WHERE IS IT?

I WILL NOT REVEAL THIS, NOR WILL YOU FIND IT. IT IS PROTECTED BY GREAT MAGIC.

YEAH, YEAH, CUT THE SPOOKY MUSIC.

YOU ARE MADAME X, YES?

YOU ARE THE REASON I CAME TO THIS FIRM, A SISTER IN MAGIC...

YOU WOULD ENJOY OUR PARTIES.



THAT WILL SHAKE YOUR CONFIDENCE.

DO YOU FINALLY BELIEVE IN YOUR MAGIC? I WONDER.











YE...  
YES...  
OH...  
THANK GOD...  
I'M NOT  
MAD...  
THANK GOD...



YOU'RE GONNA NEED A  
HILLINA LOT OF POWER TO  
BUST YOU OUT OF DEATH  
ROW. I KNOW THAT.

NOW, IF YOU  
WANT US TO HELP YOU,  
WE NEED TO INTERVIEW YOUR  
SECRET SWAMP "FREE  
LOVE" LOVERS.

IF YOU DENT  
KILL MEAGHUM OR SEND...  
SOMETHIN... MAYBE  
ONE OF THEM DID.

I WILL NOT. I CANNOT. A  
MORTAL SUCH AS YOURSELF  
COULD NEVER FIND THE  
GLORIOUS CITADEL.

IT IS  
PROTECTED BY...

SHE-SPIED  
AND ROVE'S BIG-ASS  
TIGERS!!!

GIVE MR.  
AND MRS.  
BOGUEOFF A  
SECOND, YEAH?

DAVID  
BLAKE MUST  
BE REALLY  
ANNOYING TO  
BE AROUND.

WE  
NEED TO BE  
ALONE.

THESE  
CARDS  
SHOW ME THE  
FUTURE.

I DON'T  
THINK YOU'RE  
MADE AT ALL,  
LAUREN.

BUT  
I AM.



PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA

THANK  
YOU...



FOR  
WHAT?

REMINDED ME  
OF SOMETHING.

WE'RE HERE,  
ACCORDING  
TO THE GPS  
COORDINATES.



DELIVERANCE...  
SOUTHERN COMFORT...

GREAT  
MOVIES THAT UNDER  
NO CIRCUMSTANCES  
SPRING TO MIND  
RIGHT NOW.

I'LL  
BE RIGHT  
HERE.

AND WE WILL, ONCE WE'VE HAD  
A CHANCE TO ASK OUR QUESTIONS,  
WE'RE HERE TO FIND EVIDENCE THAT  
WILL PROVE OUR CLIENT  
INNOCENT.

BESIDES, A  
HIDDEN VOODOO SETTLEMENT  
OUT IN THE SWAMPLANDS. THESE  
ARE SIMPLE, HARD-WORKING  
CREEPY FOLK.

WE  
SHOULD'VE  
TOLD THE  
COPS.

HOW  
DANGEROUS  
CAN THEY  
BE?

WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
ZOMBIES I  
KNOW WHAT  
I SAW.

THE "Z" WORD  
IS OFF-LIMITS. JUST  
KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR @GOUCLIPS.  
GLORIOUS, HIDDEN  
CITY!" YEAH?

IT  
SHOULD  
BE RIGHT  
IN FRONT  
OF...

...D9.

A  
GLORIOUS AND  
SHINING PALACE OF  
OTHERWORLDLY  
WONDER...

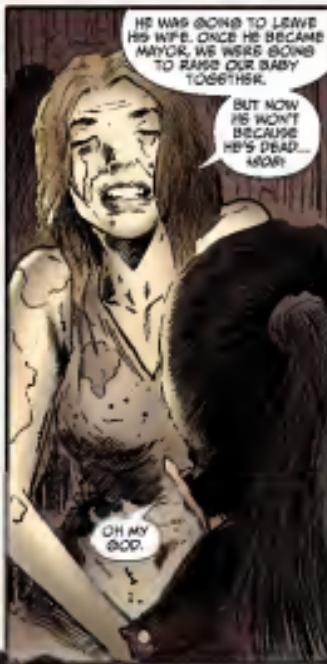












"BUT THEN SHE CAME."

"SHE FOLLOWED BEN ONE TIME  
WITH HIS GUN TO SEE ME."

"THE STUPID WIFE."

SUSAN! WAIT... PLEASE!!

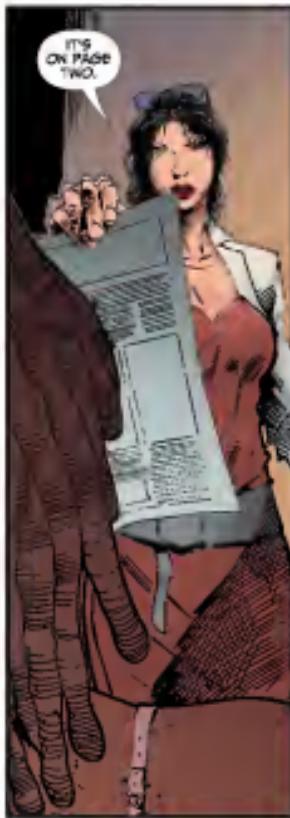
SHI'S GENUINELY GOD-FEARING,  
SEES HIM AS IN LEAGUE WITH  
THE DEVIL, A LIAR SEEKING  
POWER.

ON THE NIGHT SHE  
WAS STAYING IN THE HOLIDAY  
HOME NEAR LACOMBE, PUT THE  
KIDS TO BED, DROVE BACK  
TO NEW ORLEANS...

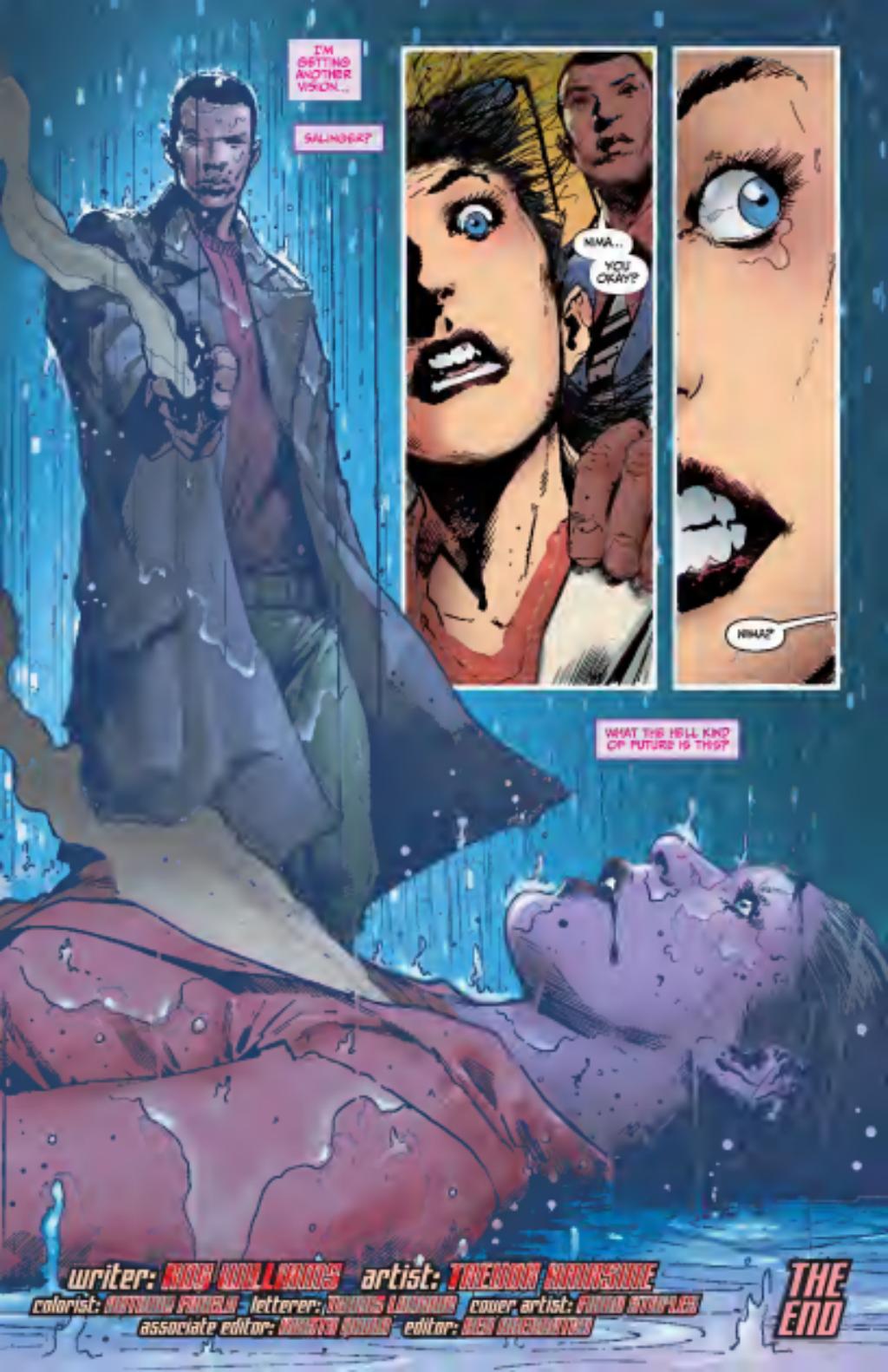
LACOMBE'S ONLY  
AN HOUR'S DRIVE. USED THIS  
Voodoo knife that G'DCUFF  
SENT MEACHUM. IN THE MAIL.

"MADE HIM AND  
EVERYTHING HE'D  
PRETENDED TO  
STAND FOR JUST..."

"...DISAPPEAR."







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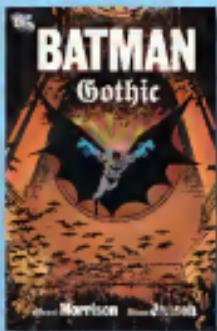
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